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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Roback, et al.

Serial No.: 10/602,981

Filed: June 24, 2003

For: Immunological Assay System and Method

Confirmation No.: 2039

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Cross, LatoyaL.

Docket No. 50508-1031

RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS)

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed March 8, 2006 (part of Paper No./Mail Date 2-29-06) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 3, 5, 15, 23, and 39 are amended; and claims 2, 7, and 16-17 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10-13, 15, 18-31, 33, and 35-45 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.